

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

BESING, QUENT D.

) Examiner: Not yet assigned

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

)

Filed: Herewith

)

Atty. File No.: 1657 WO/US

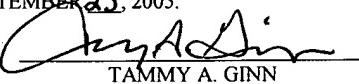
)

Title: "Radiation Shield for a Safety Syringe
Having a Needle Sheath"

)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS
BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS MAIL IN AN
ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR
PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2005.


TAMMY A. GINNPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 1-12 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, and Claims 13-32 are being added. Accordingly, 20 claims (Claims 13-32) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 20 claims, only three (Claims 13, 24 and 31) are independent. Thus, no filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(b) & (c) are believed to be due.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-5 of this correspondence. It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mallinckrodt, Inc.



Jerad G. Seurer, Esq.
Reg. No. 45,467
Tel.: (314) 654-3814